

INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, focusing on the funding and regulatory activities of the National Indian Gaming Commission, after receiving testimony

from Philip N. Hogen, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Indian Gaming Commission, who was accompanied by several of his associates; and Ernest L. Stevens, Jr., Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, Appleton, on behalf of the National Indian Gaming Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 2084–2111; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 179–182 and H. Res. 234–235, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1835, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to limit designation as critical habitat of areas owned or controlled by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 108–99, Part I);

H.R. 1497, to reauthorize title I of the Sikes Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–100, Part I)

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. George S. Dillard III, Pastor, Peachtree City Christian Church of Peachtree City, Georgia.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Fruit and Vegetable Pilot Program under the National School Lunch Program: S. 870, to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to extend the availability of funds to carry out the fruit and vegetable pilot program—clearing the measure for the President;

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Kris Eggle Visitor Center in Organ Pipe National Monument, Arizona: H.R. 1577, amended, to designate the visitors' center in Organ Pipe National Monument in Arizona as the "Kris Eggle Memorial Visitors' Center". Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "A bill to designate the visitor center in Organ Pipe National Monument in Arizona as the "Kris Eggle Visitor Center", and for other purposes.";

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Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska Access Easement: H.R. 255, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant an easement to facilitate access to the Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska;

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Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site Establishment Act: H.R. 1012, to establish the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site in the District of Columbia;

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Contract Revision with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo Project, Texas: H.R. 856, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas; and

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Microenterprise to Increase Assistance to the Poorest People in Developing Countries: H.R. 192, to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts.

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Pension Security Act: The House passed H.R. 1000, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional protections to participants and beneficiaries in individual account plans from excessive investment in employer securities and to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets by yealand-nay vote of 271 yeas to 157 nays, Roll No. 189.

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Rejected the George Miller of California motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment that provides for protection of participants from conversions to hybrid defined benefit plans by yealand-nay vote of 202 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 188.

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Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108-43 Part I) was considered as adopted.

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Rejected the Andrews amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to establish the Pension Fairness Act that, among other provisions, requires executive pensions to be subject to the same pension rules that apply to other employees, provides for investment advice from qualified, independent advisors, allows older employees to choose between a conversion to a cash balance plan or to maintain their current defined benefit pension plan, and requires disclosure to collective bargaining units on proposed changes to executive pensions, health or life insurance, or other substantial benefits by ye-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 187.

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Agreed to H. Res. 230, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by ye-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 186.

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Participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization: The House passed S. 243, concerning participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H4092-93

Presidential Message—National Emergency re Iran: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108-71).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4093.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4039-40, H4088-89, H4091-92, and H4092. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia held a hearing on District of Columbia Public Schools. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Peggy

Cooper Cafritz, President, Board of Education; Paul Vance, Superintendent, Public Schools; and Thomas P. Loughlin, Chair, Public Charter School Board.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies held a hearing on International Education. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

UN'S OIL FOR FOOD PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "United Nations Oil For Food Program." Testimony was heard from Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

CHECK CLEARING THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1474, Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act.

DIVESTING SADDAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Divesting Saddam: Freezing, Seizing, and Repatriating Saddam's Money to the Iraqis." Testimony was heard from David Afhauser, General Counsel, Department of the Treasury; E. Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary, Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; and Lawrence Lanzilotta, Principal Deputy and Deputy Under Secretary, Management Reform, Department of Defense.

U.S. COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION AND NONPROLIFERATION PROGRAMS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights concluded joint hearings on U.S. Cooperative Threat